will have programme generation facilities. Further, provision has been made in the VII Plan for satellite uplinks and additional dedicated microwave links in various states to link the relay transmitters in individual States with the TV centres at the respective State capitals. National service is already available throughout the country. The various new schemes included in the VII Plan will further strengthen the national service. Finally, with regard to local service, provisional has been made for second channel service at the four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras and for establishment of programme production centres at some important cities (other than State capitals) in some major States.

Expansion of Bokaro Steel Plant

*94. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the expansion of Bokaro Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b) Steel Authority of India Limited is currently implementing an expansion programme at Bokaro Steel Plant to expand its capacity from 1.7 million tonnes to 4 million tonnes of ingot steel per annum. There is no proposal to expand the capacity of the plant beyond the 4 million tonnes stage.

Doordarshan Studio at Vijayawada

*95. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Doordarshan studio at Vijayawada during the year 1986-87; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :(a) and (b) Establishment of a colour TV studio centre at Vijayawada is included inthe VII Plan of Doordarshan. Normally, the time required for completion of such a project is about 4 years after formal approval to the project.

National Rivers

*96. SHRI M. KADHARSHA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to declare some rivers as National Rivers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Quality of Doordarshan programmes

*97. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to improve the quality of Doordarshan programmes in the country;

(b) whether Government are planning to purchase some serials from foreign countries; and

(c) if so, what are the guidelines for the purchase of copyright for the telecast of such serials in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) to (c)

Improvement in the quality of programmes of Doordarshan is

a continuous process. Efforts are made for better planning and scheduling of programmes as well as providing better technical facilities. The quality of colour equipment, especially mobile equipment, has been increased at all the major Doordarshan Kendras. Fee scale for the performing artists have also been increased so that Doordarshan attracts the best talent available in the country. Specialised training, specially in the field of presentation of news bulletins has also been undertaken.

2. As regards serials from foreign countries; Doordarshan normally selects programmes out of the offers received from various international television organisations and agencies. The selection is made by a committee constituted for the purpose. If the programmes offered are found suitable, for telecast for the Indian audience, and terms and conditions are reasonable, those serials are procured by Doordarshan on the basis of royalty payment. This is, however, subject to the availa bility of foreign exchange.

Complaints against D.D.A. Officials

*98. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaint relating to unauthorised construction in Urban Village Development II, Village Todapur, New Delhi, received against DDA officials during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) what action has been taken on these complaints?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) : (a) and (b) Five complaints relating to unauthorised construction in the said village have been received during the last three years. The break-up is as follows:—

1983	*	*	*	*	Nil
1984	*	*	*	*	1
1985	*		*	*	4

Only one complaint received in 1985 alleges connivance of DDA officers in not removing the encroachments. This complaint is under investigation.

T. V. programmes

*99. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to sort out the TV programmes like national, regional and local; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, A statement indicating the details is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

1. To utilise the medium of TV for promoting national integration, helping the process of socio-economic development and disseminating information, education and entertainment, it is necessary to create facilities for communicating with the people in their own language and, at the same time, make the viewers in one part of the country aware of the culture, traditions, developments, etc in other parts. In keeping with this objective, Doordarshan propose